

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 653

By Davis (Cocke)

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Newell "Hop" Byrd for his honorable and astute service to the people of Newport, Tennessee as a distinguished 40-year member of the Newport Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Newell "Hop" Byrd is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd is a highly respected member of the Newport community, serving Cocke County in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Newell "Hop" Byrd joined the Newport Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc., on May 8, 1962; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary 40-year tenure as a member of the Newport Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc., Mr. Byrd has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Newell "Hop" Byrd has diligently served the people of Newport and Cocke County through the rendering of aid to persons in distress, rescuing persons in distress, administering first aid to injured persons, and transporting injured persons to hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd possesses a matchless sense of leadership as evidenced in his remarkable ability to inspire his peers and fellow workers to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional ability to lead is also evidenced by his astonishing 37 years of service as an officer of the Newport Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc. He has served with honor as Historian, Parliamentarian, Warrant Officer, First Lieutenant, and as Captain; and

WHEREAS, Newell "Hop" Byrd's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd's love for the people of Newport has motivated him to perform his duties in a manner beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated 715 hours of volunteer service time to the Newport Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc., from January to November in 2001; and he has not missed a Squad meeting in twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Newell "Hop" Byrd is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Newell Byrd is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Newell "Hop" Byrd for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Newport, Tennessee as a distinguished 40-year member of the Newport Emergency and Rescue, Inc. We wish him well in his future service to the people of

Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.